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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08350.1659

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Brian R. JANES et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3652  
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Application No.: 10/028,580 ) Examiner: Michael S. Lowe  
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Filed: December 20, 2001 )  
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For: LOAD BEARING MEMBER ) Confirmation No.: 3268  
ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of June 11, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicants hereby petition for a month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	46	-	46	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	6	-	4	2	x \$ 86	172.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 172.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 172.00


☒ A fee of \$172 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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☒ A check for \$172 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: September 10, 2004

By:   
Wenye Tan  
Reg. No. 55,662



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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2004, the period for response to which extends through September 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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